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SUBJECT: GOJ REACTION TO AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S PRESS
CONFERENCE ON LOS

IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF REGARDING AMBASSADOR
RICHARDSON'S MARCH PRESS STATEMENT, MFA LAW OF THE SEA
CONFERENCE DIRECTOR KUNISADA KUME NOTED THAT THE MFA HAD
BEEN INTRIGUED BY AMBASSADOR'S MENTION OF ALTERNATIVES
BEING STUDIED IF COMPREHENSIVE TREATY NOT CONCLUDED AND
WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DETAILS OF SUCH STUDIES WHEN
AVAILABLE. KUME ADDED THAT AS USG WAS WELL AWARE, THE
GOJ BELIEVED THAT ITS MARITIME INTERESTS, ESPECIALLY WITH
REGARD TO NAVIGATION OF INTERNATIONAL STRAITS AND
PASSAGE THROUGH ECONOMIC ZONES, WOULD BEST BE SERVED BY A
COMPREHENSIVE TREATY. HE FEARED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE ARE
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ADVANTAGES TO CONCLUDING A SEPARATE MULTILATERAL ARRANGE-
MENT FOR A REVENUE SHARING REGIME FOR DEEP SEABED MINING
OPERATIONS, OTHER GOJ MARITIME INTERESTS COULD NOT SIMI-
LARLY BE SATISFACTORILY SAFEGUARDED UNDER SUCH ARRANGE-
MENTS. MANSFIELD. UNQUOTE VANCE

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